

DECLARATION AND PETITION

I, David H. Blount, M.D., declare that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of San Diego, in the County of San Diego, State of California, that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the improvement in PRODUCTION OF CARBOHYDRATES, ALCOHOL AND RESINS FROM BIOMASS described and claimed in the foregoing specification; that this application is a divisional of my earlier filed application, Serial Number _____ filed _____; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application; that, as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof and patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application; that said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or by my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said earlier application; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on said invention has been filed by me or by my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America; that, as to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used.

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in the United States of America before my invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the date of this application, and that said subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or by my legal representative or assigns more than twelve months prior to the date of this application: and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on said invention has been filed by me or by my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America and that I, David H. Blount, has reviewed and understands the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

I, David H. Blount, hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. Inventor's full name or names, David H. Blount.


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PRODUCTION OF CARBOHYDRATES, FALCOHOL AND RESINS FROM BIOMASS

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b)) — INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled _____ described in _____

- the specification filed herewith
 application serial no. _____ filed _____
 patent no. _____ issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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